

AGING, DEPARTMENT ON[17]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 231.23 and 17A.3, the Iowa Department on Aging hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 1, “Introduction, Abbreviations and Definitions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments are necessary to work towards the creation of a single and comprehensive chapter of definitions applicable to all chapters within the Department’s rules.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before January 2, 2013. Such written comments or suggestions should be directed to Kimberly Murphy, Iowa Department on Aging, Jessie M. Parker Building, 510 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kimberly.murphy@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 231.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following new definitions in rule **17—1.5(231)**:

“*ADRC coordination center*” means an entity designated by the department that carries out duties and functions as mandated in rules promulgated by the department.

“*ADRC local access point*” means an entity designated by an ADRC coordination center that carries out duties and functions as mandated in rules promulgated by the department.

“*Aging and disability resource center*” or “*ADRC*” means the same as “Aging and Disability Resource Center” as defined in the federal Act.

“*Options counseling*” means the service of providing an interactive process whereby individuals receive guidance in their deliberations to make informed choices about long-term supports. The process is directed by the individual and may include others whom the individual chooses or those who are legally authorized to represent the individual. Options counseling may include but is not limited to the following: (1) a personal interview and assessment to discover strengths, values, and preferences of the individual and screenings for entitlement program eligibility, (2) a facilitated decision-making process which explores resources and service options and supports the individual in weighing pros and cons, (3) developing action steps toward a goal or a long-term support plan and assistance in applying for and accessing support options, and (4) follow-up to ensure supports and decisions are assisting the individual.

“*Options counselor*” means the person(s) responsible for providing the service of options counseling.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **17—1.5(231)**, definition of “Department on aging,” as follows:

“*Department on aging*” or “*department*” means the sole state agency responsible for administration of the Older Americans Act and Iowa Code ~~chapter~~ chapters 231, and 231E ~~and 249H~~ and other applicable laws or rules.